



Federal Stimulus
Monthly Report to the General Assembly
Office of Governor Pat Quinn
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Illinois Highlights: As Compared to Other States (as of 11/30/09)

- Illinois ranks in the top ten in securing and implementing ARRA funds, including ranking 2nd in total funds received and 5th in total funds awarded.
- Compared to the other 50 other states, Illinois ranks 7th in the nation with 24,448 jobs created/retained during the first quarter of implementation.
- Illinois is ranked 4th in percentage of paid out available funding (54.64%)
- Illinois has spent over \$270 million on ARRA funded road, bridge and highway projects. Over \$1.3 is the expected expenditure for the life of the stimulus.

Additionally, citizens are encouraged to visit the Governor's website www.recovery.illinois.gov which features detailed reports on spending of ARRA dollars and a Whistleblower tab to report any suspected misconduct or

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\$1.8 Million Awarded for Improved Broadband Access

On December 23, 2009 Governor Pat Quinn announced that Illinois has received \$1.8 million in funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to improve broadband access throughout the state. The grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), will assist the state with broadband mapping and planning efforts.

A Partnership for a Connected Illinois (Connect Illinois) is the non-profit entity that has been designated by the state to manage this project. Connect Illinois will use approximately \$1.3 million of the funding for broadband data collection and mapping activities and approximately \$500,000 for broadband planning activities.

Once complete, Illinois will have statewide data on the availability, speed and location of broadband services. The data collected and compiled will be used to develop broadband maps with the intention of targeting state resources to unserved and underserved areas. The data will also eventually help populate a national broadband map.

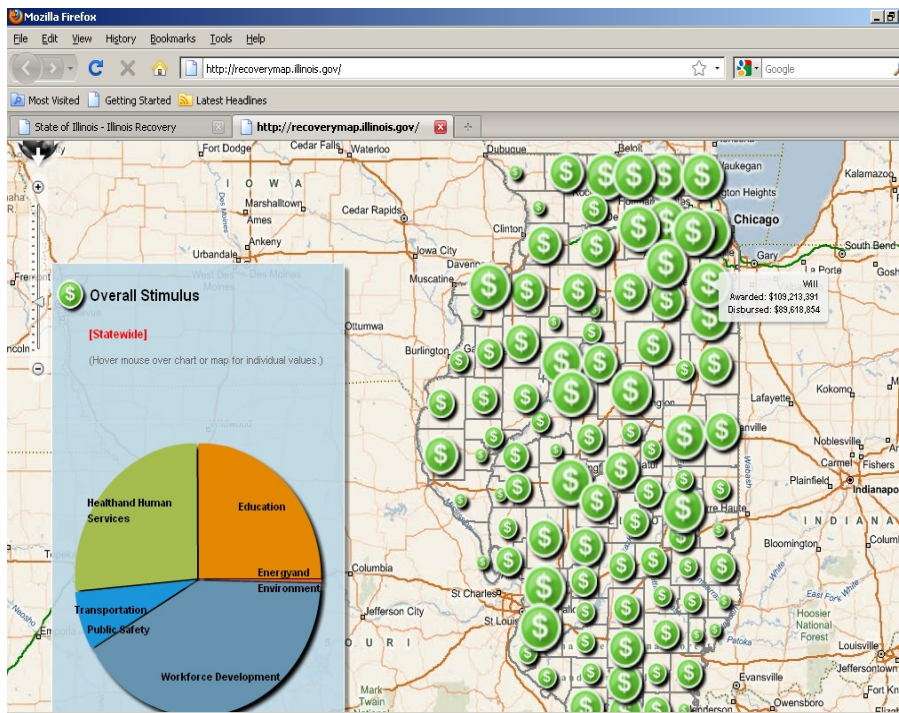
A long-time advocate of improving the state's broadband access, Governor Quinn has taken many significant steps to ensure connectivity in all areas of Illinois. The *Illinois Jobs Now!* capital bill provides funding for placing fiber-optic network conduit along highway projects in unserved areas; and the state provided technical grant writing assistance and matching grants to ARRA applicants who would provide broadband services. The federal government is expected to announce those grant recipients at any time.



Recovery Website Upgrades

The State of Illinois' recovery website, www.recovery.illinois.gov has undergone significant technical upgrades since the implementation of the stimulus.

The newest feature includes pinpoint mapping of all stimulus projects in Illinois. The mapping can be done by overall spending or by category.



Facility Investment Grants Total \$21.8 million in Illinois

Four community health centers in Illinois will receive \$21,847,551 in grant funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Facility Investment Program grants, allocated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), are one-time grants to help support major construction and renovation projects at 85 community health centers across the country and assist networks at the centers to move to electronic records.

The FIP grants are part of \$600 million in nationwide funding that was released December 9th by HHS for 85 community health centers across the country. These funds will create new, good-paying jobs in construction and healthcare and help provide care for more than 500,000 additional patients in underserved communities. More than 16 million Americans rely on health centers to keep them healthy, even if they can't afford to pay for their care.

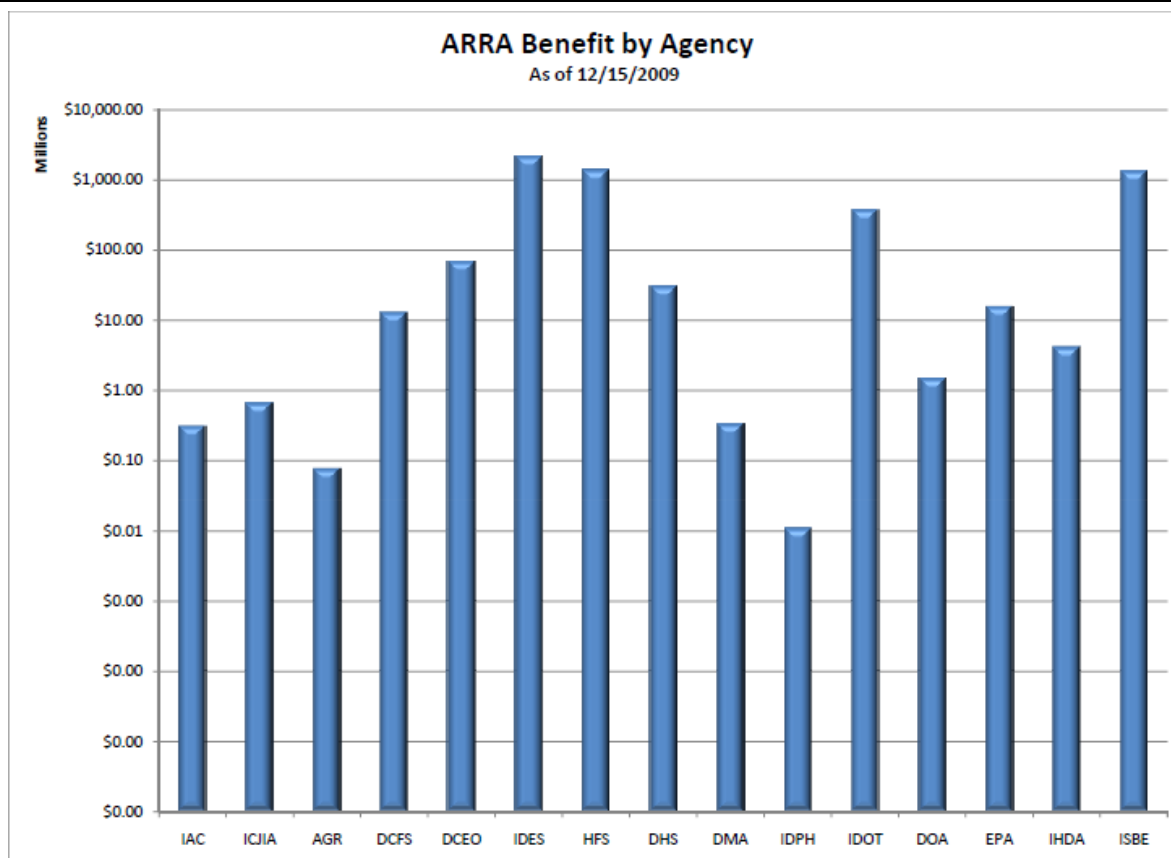
The following Illinois health centers will receive funding under this announcement:

Chicago: \$10,000,000 in funding for the Lawndale Christian Health Center

Rockford: \$5,342,337 in funding for the Crusaders Central Clinic Association

Elgin: \$2,452,172 in funding for the Greater Elgin Family Care Center

Oak Park: \$4,053,042 in funding for the PCC Community Wellness Center



Because some projects rely on federal reimbursements, some expenditures may exceed the amount awarded.

